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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT TO COVER TONGSUN PARK'S TRAVEL FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

REF: A) STATE 41758, B) STATE 41380

1. NOTES WILL BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ROK EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT EARLY FEBRUARY 21 EXTENDING SUBSTANCE OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS ON TONGSUN PARK TO COVER HIS TRAVEL NEXT WEEK TO TESTIFY AT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

2. CLEARANCES AND AUTHORITY FULLY COMPLETED WITHIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES, BUT ROK EMBASSY IS SEEKING CONCURRENCE OF ROKG IN FINAL DRAFTING CHANGES WE HAVE PROPOSED.

3. YOUR LATEST REPORT THAT ROKG WILL ENSURE THAT TONGSUN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARK TRAVELS DIRECTLY TO UNITED STATES WITHOUT TRANSITTING JAPAN WILL SIMPLIFY MATTERS CONSIDERABLY IF BORNE OUT. IDEAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE DIRECT FLIGHT TO U.S. WEST COAST, WHERE TONGSUN PARK WOULD THEN BE MET BY FBI WHEN PLANE TOUCHES DOWN.

4. WE WILL INFORM YOU BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN

PAROLE IS GRANTED. JUSTICE IS PREPARING THE PAPERWORK AND NO FURTHER PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN IN VIEW OF YOUR VERIFICATION THAT PARK'S VISA HAS EXPIRED.

5. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S NOTE TO BE EXCHANGED FEB. 21, INCORPORATING TEXT OF AMBASSADOR KIM'S NOTE WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO US.

BEGIN TEXT:

EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR NOTE NO. KAM 78-28, (DATE OF KIM'S NOTE) REGARDING THE VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE OF MR. TONGSUN PARK BEFORE TWO COMMITTEES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, THE BODY OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE OF MR. TONGSUN PARK BEFORE TWO COMMITTEES OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, AND BEFORE UNITED STATES COURTS, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS AND I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THESE UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO FACILITATE MR. PARK'S TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIS VOLUNTARY APPEARANCE BEFORE

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THE TWO NAMED COMMITTEES AND BEFORE UNITED STATES COURTS IN FURTHERANCE OF COOPERATION EMBODIED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONCERNING THE CASE OF MR. TONGSUN PARK, DATED DECEMBER 31, 1977 AND THE MUTUAL PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONCERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH MR. TONGSUN PARK, DATED JANUARY 10, 1978.

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL ADMIT MR. PARK TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF AND THE LIMITED PERIODS NECESSARY FOR APPEARANCES BEFORE THE TWO NAMED COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS FOR TESTIFYING AT COURT TRIALS, AND GIVES FULL ASSURANCES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DOES NOT INTEND TO DETAIN HIM IN THE UNITED STATES. UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ABOVE AGREEMENTS, THEREFORE, IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA PROMPTLY AFTER HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE TWO NAMED

COMMITTEES AND HIS TRIAL TESTIMONY. END QUOTE

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST, I AM PLEASED TO CONFIRM THE  
UNDERSTANDINGS CONTAINED IN YOUR NOTE.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION. FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE. END TEXT.

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